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Mr. Dale C. Jones
District Mining Supervisor
Minerals Management Service
500 Gold Avenue, S.W., Room 116
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

Dear Mr. Jones:

We are in receipt of your letter of April 16, and will comment on all issues you raised.

We are in the process of installing a locked gate and fence across the road between Dump 6B and the natural ground to the north. This should satisfy the terms of requirement 2B.

As we advised you on March 10, we have ceased to plug exploration boreholes. Reclamation of remaining drill holes is addressed as Article 6.1.5 in the Reclamation Plan you are currently studying. Our reasons for deferring this activity until reclamation begins are primarily economic. At this time, we have neither the workforce nor supervisory personnel necessary to ensure that this activity is carried out in a manner satisfactory to both the Minerals Management Service and to Anaconda--nor do we have a maintenance staff large enough to keep serviceable the equipment necessary for borehole plugging. Therefore, while we agree with you that drill hole plugging is an issue separate from the EIS, we contend that performing this function simultaneously with reclamation enables us to complete the borehole plugging program in a more productive, economic and satisfactory manner than would be possible by performing these activities separately.

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We agree that fans removed from P-10 ventilation shafts will remain on the leaseholds until the matter of the performance bond is resolved.

And we reiterate our commitment to continue pumping water from P-10 and P-13 until May 25.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R D Lynn".

R. D. Lynn
General Manager

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